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SUBJECT: U.S. FARMERS BLOCKADE

REFS: A. WINNIPEG 7, B. CALGARY 9

1. INITIAL SATISFACTION IN OTTAWA WITH REPORTS ON JANUARY 10 THAT CANADIAN CATTLE TRUCKS WERE AGAIN CROSSING BORDER AND WERE RECEIVING U.S. PROTECTION HAS GIVEN WAY TO DISMAY AND HEIGHTENED CONCERN OVER REPORTED INCIDENT OF ATTACKS ON CATTLE BEING UNLOADED AT LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA. ADDED TO THIS IS VARIETY OF NEWLY ALLEGED ACTIONS BY U.S. FARMERS, INCLUDING:

--STOPPAGE BY PICKETS OF TRUCKLOAD OF HOGS AT PEMBINA, N.D.,

--STOPPAGE ON U.S. SIDE OF BORDER OF EMPTY CATTLE TRUCKS BOUND FOR WINNIPEG,

--CONTINUING REPORTS OF ROAD BLOCKADES IN PEMBINA AREA,

--ALLEGED ASSISTANCE BY LOCAL COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS
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IN RELAYING CB RADIO REPORTS AMONG FARMERS.

2. STAFF LEVEL CONTACTS IN EXTAFF AND AGRICULTURE CANADA TELL US THAT, UNLESS USG IS SEEN AS HAVING SITUATION UNDER CONTROL SOON, WE CAN EXPECT RENEWED AND STRONGER OFFICIAL COMPLAINT AS WELL AS CRITICAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SPOKESMEN,SUCH AS AGRICULTURE MINISTER WHELAN, WHO

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WOULD RELISH COMPARING THIS TRADE DISRUPTION WITH U.S.
STATEMENTS ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION.

3. WE LACK CURRENT AND AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION
PRESUMABLY AVAILABLE TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND RECOGNIZE
COMPLEXITIES OF SITUATION, BUT CONTINUED APPARENT
INABILITY TO CONTROL PROBLEM WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT
OTHERWISE VERY FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S
VISIT AS WELL AS IRRITATE BILATERAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY
IN TRADE AREA. ENDERS

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